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THE ALDINE HOTEL
1914 CHESTNUT ST.
S. MURRAY MITCHELL.

Philadelphia, Oct. 16 1888

My dear Mr. Fox

Mr. Lobo could not make the telephone message a request for my presence at the Aldine in order to see you before you leave for Washington, and I suppose you merely intended to give me an opportunity to speak of the shipment of Stet Dollars and the probable necessity for breaking out Vault No. 5, which is steel, and under the seal of the Director.

I think, if the Treasurer can make known his intention as to the further amount to be transferred from your vaults without violating any rule of his department, that he should give you such information respecting the matter as will save labor and counting in the future. Probably I can do no better than rest on the

note I sent you two or three days ago. It covers the entire ground.

Further, and in reference to the demands made upon the "improvement" appropriation, it seems to me that it will be judicious to consult with the Director before going to the Supervising Architect, because, as you may have noticed, the clause was amended so as to strike out "for a vault in the center of the basement," and make the entire $220,000 applicable to "improvements" and "other necessary work." I know think this is construed to cover any vault to be built, and any "improvement" not specially named. I hope the estimate of the new work can be made and the bulk of the appropriation absorbed before these demands are urged.

Very truly & respectfully

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Very Truly & Respectfully
M.H. Cobb

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M.H.C.

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